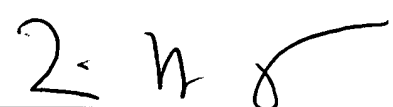


FORM PTO-1390 (REV 07-06)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 03164.0204USWO
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) Filed Herewith <b>20/587648</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU2005/000088	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 28, 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 28, 2004	
TITLE OF INVENTION SOLVENT EXTRACTION PROCESS FOR SEPARATING COBALT AND/OR MANGANESE FROM IMPURITIES IN LEACH SOLUTIONS			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US CHENG et al.			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>			
<b>Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:</b>			
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form 1449 and 5 References.			
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.			
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.			
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.			
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.			
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.			
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.			
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 9 Sheets of Formal Drawings, International Publication WO 2005/073415 A1, Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/ISA/237, Form PCT/IPEA/401, Form PCT/IPEA/409			

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<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a) (1)-(5)):</b>					
[X] a) Basic National fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)).....\$300.00				<b>\$300.00</b>	
[X] b) Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0 All other situations.....\$200.00				<b>\$200.00</b>	
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Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
40	-100 = 0	/50 =	X \$250.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				<b>\$0.00</b>	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	34	-20 = 14	X \$50.00	<b>\$700.00</b>	
Independent claims	2	-3 = 0	X \$200.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$1600.00</b>	
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SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Brian H. Batzli MERCHANT & GOULD P.O. Box 2903 Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903				SIGNATURE:  NAME: Brian H. Batzli REGISTRATION NUMBER: 32,960	

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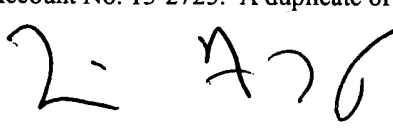
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